

## RUSSIANS TRYING TO TURN GERMANS AWAY FROM VILNA

STRONG OFFENSIVE EAST OF RIGA MAY DRAW TEUTONS' ATTENTION

DVINSK TO FALL IF VILNA IS LOST

Allies Send Joint Note Asking Bulgaria to Choose Between Them and Central Powers.

London, Sept. 18.—While the armies in the west and at the Dardanelles remain virtually deadlocked in artillery fighting, von Hindenberg's offensive in Courland seems to be making headway as well as von Mackensen's army further south which reports Russian prisoners and machine guns.

With Vilna nearly surrounded surprise is expressed that the city has not already fallen. Dvinsk, too, will go when Vilna falls although the Russian offensive east of Riga may cause the Germans to turn their attention there.

In the southeast the Russians are finding their advance into Galicia breaking their alignment and have apparently withdrawn to Serezh river. The Germans claim to have stopped the Russian offensive.

In the Balkans the indication is that the threatened Austro-German attack on Serbia is about to commence. The allies presented a joint note to Bulgaria asking that it declare itself as between them and the central powers.

While the note is not an ultimatum it asks whether the Serbian concession secured through the officers of allies will bring about Bulgaria's cooperation with the Balkan powers.

London, Sept. 18.—The Germans have invested Vilna on three sides and Mackensen's troops have reached Vileika, thirty-seven miles southeast of the city. The fall of Vilna would give the Germans a considerable portion of the railroad to Petrograd, a portion of which they hold between Dvinsk and Vilna.

On the southern end of the battle line the Russians continue to gain the latest achievements being the capture of thirteen hundred men along the Stripa. Little activity is reported from the center. Reports that the Austrians and Germans have decided to initiate a new offensive are multiplying, but there is little concrete evidence, concerning its direction. Several correspondents, cabling from Rotterdam, assert that they have reason to believe the central powers have decided to strike a heavy blow, and already have put under way preliminary military movements.

The objective of the new campaign, generally is believed to be either Italy or Serbia. Apparently there has not been a great concentration of troops at the Danube and Sava rivers. Considerable activity was displayed on this front recently. Austrian attempts to cross the rivers have been checked and according to high official reports, the Serbian artillery destroyed fortified works on the river banks.

It is felt here that the Balkan problem has reached a critical stage. The Turk-Bulgarian agreement coupled with the announcement by Premier Eadselov of Bulgaria, that the public opinion opposed any attack on Turkey, seems to have settled the attitude of Bulgaria at least as long as the Dardanelles is in the hands of Turkey.

Oppose Conscription. London, Sept. 18.—The executive committee of the Amalgamated Union of Railway Servants, unanimously endorsed the statement in the house of commons on Thursday of J. E. Thomas, that conscription would bring an industrial revolution of railway workers should stop work.

## AUSTRIANS THREATENED WITH PENALTY OF DEATH FOR MAKING MUNITIONS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 17.—Despite statements from Vienna that Austria is not seeking to cripple American industries, an official warning has been issued that the death penalty will be inflicted on Austro-Hungarian subjects for aiding the manufacture of munitions for the allies. The warning is published in Austro-Hungarian papers in Pennsylvania.

## U. S. TO SETTLE QUESTIONS WITH VON BERNSTORFF

German Ambassador Has Power to Effect Settlement of Submarine Question With Administration Officials.

Berlin, Sept. 18.—A full settlement of the submarine problem probably can be arranged by negotiations in Washington. Ambassador von Bernstorff is in complete possession of the policy and wishes of Germany and has been given the power and terms of settlement with the United States, subject only to final revision by Berlin. Instructions to Bernstorff were sent from Berlin the morning after his report was received in Germany Thursday.

By the form the negotiations have taken officials are confident the whole submarine question can be satisfactorily adjusted. In such conversations Bernstorff will be able to communicate many things not adopted to inclusion in a public note but of such nature as to convince the United States of Germany's good faith.

## PROMINENT FLORIDIAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

J. J. Mendenhall Charged With Murder of Mrs. Bessie Elliott at Tampa.

Clearwater, Fla., Sept. 18.—Attorneys for J. J. Mendenhall, a prominent business man charged with the murder of Mrs. Bessie Elliott, and Miss Susie Elliott of Tampa, moved that the indictment be quashed, when the trial started this morning. He charged that Judge O. K. Reeves was not the defacto judge of the sixth district. The motion to quash was overruled and the jurisdiction of the question will be argued Monday. Reeves was appointed judge when the last legislature created the thirteenth district. The judge of the then sixth district automatically became judge of the new district and the governor appointed Reeves judge of the sixth.

## ARMY AND NAVY UNION AUTHORIZES RESERVE UNIT

Atlantic City, Sept. 18.—The Army and Navy Union annual encampment today authorized a hundred and forty garrisons of the organization to recruit and drill reserves for use as a unit of the United States army.

## SUIT FOR FORECLOSURE AGAINST MISSOURI PACIFIC

St. Louis, Sept. 18.—A suit for foreclosure against the Missouri Pacific railroad was filed in federal court here today by the Guaranty Trust company of New York and B. F. Edwards of St. Louis.

Two Carolina Consuls Moved. Washington, Sept. 18.—Among the changes in the consular service it is announced that Julius D. Dreher of South Carolina, consul at Toronto, is transferred to Colon, Panama, and Lewis H. Haskell of Columbia, S. C., consul at Belgrade, is transferred to Geneva.

## NEW ORLEANS HAS PENNANT CINCHED

Little Rock, Sept. 18.—New Orleans clinched the Southern League pennant by winning the second game here today in eight innings. The game was to be seven but a tie necessitated an extra inning. New Orleans is now seven games in the lead with only six to play.

## American Girl Drove an Auto in the War Zone.



Mrs. Bartlett Boder.

Mrs. Bartlett Boder, an American has just come back from the war in France, where she drove auto ambulances under fire. When she has rested a short time she will go back to the front. "I can't keep away," she said. "It is all so fascinating, the soldiers in uniforms, the gay bands, the great camps, the air of expectancy for whatever the day may bring."

## BANKERS STILL FAR FROM AGREEMENT WITH COMMISSION

BANKERS ADHERING MORE FIRMLY TO IDEA THAT THEY SHOULD RECEIVE BETTER TERMS THAN THOSE GIVEN INVESTORS—MUNITIONS QUESTION YET UNSETTLED.

New York, Sept. 18.—Indications that the difference between the Anglo-French loan commissioners and American bankers are still far from adjustment appeared tonight. Today's secret conferences left, it was said, the bankers adhering more firmly to the idea that the banks subscribing to the loan should receive better terms than those given investors. The question of including war munitions is still the bone of contention.

New York, Sept. 18.—Another secret session of the Anglo-French commission and bankers negotiating a mammoth credit loan here to Great Britain and France has been held, trying to adjust the differences as to whether the credit, no matter what size, shall be used in payment for war munitions as well as wheat, cotton and other commodities, or whether a separate method shall be adopted to settle munitions bills. The commission is said to want the credit to take care of munitions. The American bankers are divided. The majority is apparently against its use in the purchase of munitions.

## ENOREE MILL TO BE SOLD AGAIN

L. W. Parker and J. I. Westervelt Failed to Pay For Recently Purchased Mill.

Sparks, Ga., Sept. 17.—The Enoree Manufacturing company will be offered for sale again on October 4, according to official notice published here today. The property was bought two months ago at public sale by J. I. Westervelt and Louis W. Parker of Greenville for \$200,000. The notice says the property is being sold at the risk of former defaulting purchasers.

## SIX MEXICANS WERE KILLED IN FRIDAY'S BATTLE

THAT MANY KNOWN DEAD AS RESULT OF FIGHT WAGED ACROSS RIVER

FIRST REPORTS WERE INCORRECT

Investigation Revealed Fact That Mexicans Were Aggressors in Battle.

Brownsville, Sept. 18.—At least six Mexicans were killed in yesterday's fight across the Rio Grande between a United States detachment and Mexicans near Donna, Texas, according to border cavalry patrol reports received at headquarters. Previous reports said there were no casualties on either side. The investigation conducted by Colonel Blockson, commander of the border patrol established that the Mexicans were aggressors. It is rumored here that General Mafarrette, the Carranza commander at Matamoros opposite here may be transferred.

Sixteen wounded Mexicans, believed to have received their injuries in the Donna engagement, have arrived at the Matamoros hospital.

Villa Evacuates Torreon. El Paso, Sept. 18.—Torreon has been evacuated by the Villa forces. Villa and his staff left on the last troop train for Chihuahua. His inability to secure supplies to advance against Obregon's Carranza forces made his position untenable.

Col. Blockson's Report. Washington, Sept. 18.—Colonel Blockson, commanding the border patrol at the scene of yesterday's firing near Brownsville has reported to the war department, saying: "It was evidently an attack made by the Carranza soldiers and their commander endeavored to make it appear that our soldiers fired first. The Carranza version, given in dispatches to the agency here is that the Mexicans were watering horses when they were fired upon by American troops and the Mexicans did not return the fire."

Villa Troops on March. Mazatlan, Mexico, Sept. 18.—(By Wireless to San Diego California.)—Three thousand Villa troops under Gen. Byelna have advanced to Acaponetia, 70 miles south of here. In the vicinity of Mazatlan are 7,000 Carranza troops under Diegues. Indications are for an active campaign. The Carranza column under Gen. Estrada, is reported advancing upon Topie.

## NATIONAL GUARD AT HARVEST JUBILEE

Will Give Prize Drills and Sham Battle During Week—\$500 in Prize Money.

Columbia, Sept. 18.—W. W. Moore, adjutant general, said today that he expected 16 companies of the national guard to attend the exercises incident to Harvest Jubilee week.

"We expect a regiment outside of the battalion here to take part in the exercises," said the adjutant general.

Pierre Mazyck, chairman of the central committee notified the adjutant general that \$500 in prize money will be given. The companies will participate in the military parade, Tuesday, October 26. Wednesday there will be a competitive drill at the fair grounds. A sham battle will be fought Thursday. The first prize money will be \$250. The second prize will be \$150. There will be two trophy cups, valued at \$100 awarded for the third and fourth prizes.

## GASOLINE EXPLOSION BRINGS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

Toledo, Sept. 18.—One man killed and a heavy property loss is the result of the explosion of two cars of gasoline at the plant of the Heacock Producing company, manufacturers of gasoline. The explosion blew people out of their beds and was felt two miles.

Cooler Weather in East. Washington, Sept. 18.—There was cooler weather today in the eastern half of the United States with moderate temperatures forecast for the next 24 hours.

## SOME GOVERNMENT IN MEXICO WILL BE RECOGNIZED SOON

Archibald Coming Home To Explain



James F. J. Archibald.

Washington, Sept. 18.—James E. J. Archibald, the American upon whom letters from Dr. Dumba and Captain von Papeu, the German military attaché, to their governments was found by British authorities is due in New York tomorrow, and is expected to come to Washington to explain.

## WESTINGHOUSE EMPLOYEES WANT SHORTER HOURS

Machinists and Electrical Workers' Union Demand Eight Hour Day and Increase in Regular and Overtime Pays.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 18.—Members of the American Federation of Labor, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the International Association of Machinists presented to the officials of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company a demand for an eight hour day, twenty per cent increase in wages and payment of time and a half for overtime, giving the company until Thursday to decide. The company is filling large orders for war munitions.

## AMERICAN AVIATOR MAKES NEW RECORD

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 18.—Lieutenant Walter E. Telford, of the Signal Corps Aviation school at North Island, smashed the American sustained flight record for pilot alone yesterday. His sustained aloft record was 8 hours 15 minutes by Lieutenant Byron C. Jones, last January.

## CHARLES B. PRAY GIVEN PRISON TERM FOR GIVING FALSE NAME IN ENGLAND

London, Sept. 18.—An American calling himself Charles B. Pray, of Flint, Michigan, who came here in July, stating that he escaped from a German detention camp has been sentenced to three months hard labor. He arrived September 2 and under

MATTER WILL BE FINALLY DECIDED AT NEXT MEETING OF CONFERENCE

CONDITIONS NOW FAVOR CARRANZA

Pan-American Conference to Meet Again in Washington After Three Weeks.

New York, Sept. 18.—Secretary Lansing and the diplomatic representatives of Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala resolve at the conference today to recognize some government in Mexico. The recognition will come after the conference three weeks from today to be held in Washington.

Unless the military situation in Mexico takes a decided turn in favor of Villa, who has concentrated his forces for a battle with Obregon, the Carranza commander at Torreon, the conferees believe the Carranza government will be logically entitled to recognition.

The conference, in a statement, declared that recognition would be accorded the authorities possessing "the material and moral capacity necessary to protect the lives and property of nationals and foreigners."

In the next three weeks Latin American diplomats will examine the situation in their own way to determine what faction is entitled to recognition. The United States seeks to form its judgment through the reports of consuls and conference with its representatives on the various Mexican groups.

While the conferees at the end of three weeks may reach different conclusions, an eventual disagreement is not expected because of the traditional policy of Latin-American governments to follow the lead of the United States.

## GOLD IN RESERVE BANKS INCREASED TWELVE MILLIONS

Washington, Sept. 18.—Gold coin and certificates in the vaults of federal reserve banks increased more than twelve millions in the last week, according to a statement issued today by federal reserve board.

## \$250,000 SPENT FOR RELIEF OF EASTLAND SUFFERERS

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Approximately eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars has been spent in relief work among those bereft by the Eastland disaster, according to the Red Cross report.

## RICKENBACKER WINS AUTO SWEEPSTAKES

Won at Narragansett—Resta Makes New World's Record at Sheephead Bay.

Providence, Sept. 18.—Eddie Rickenbacker won the hundred million thousand dollar automobile sweepstakes at the Narragansett speedway today in eighty minutes, twenty-four and seventy-one hundredths seconds. Bob Burman was second, Willie Haupt third and Ralph De Palma fourth.

## Resta Makes New Record

New York, Sept. 18.—Dario Resta made a new world's automobile record for a car of displacement of two hundred seventy-four cubic inches at Sheephead Bay speedway. His time was five minutes, thirty-two and four-fifths seconds, or a speed of more than a hundred and eight miles an hour.